



# FORUM

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## BUDGET, RESEARCH, AND STRATEGIC PLANNING —A WEBSITE TOUR

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You may recall the story in the February 2003 Forum titled “How are we doing?”, where we recapped our first 41 months of research related articles. Grouped into the general topics of Research, Offenders, Programs, Escapes, and Humor, we outlined our past endeavors in providing informational articles to the corrections community. This month, our 69th Forum publication will focus on publications and reports produced by the research side of the Budget, Research, and Strategic Planning (BRSP) section.

First, all the publications and reports referenced can be found at our website, located at <http://doc-wb3/usercontents/Research/BudgetAndResearch/research.htm> on the intranet or at <http://www.doc.wa.gov/BudgetAndResearch/research.htm> on the internet. The newest member of the BRSP team, Research Analyst Frank Retherford, is the webmaster. From the homepage, links are available to take you to Publications, Current Projects, Inmate Statistics, Budget Information and a BRSP Staff and Contact Information list.

BRSP has published several reports. Briefly, some of the studies available are:

- Crime Victim Service Providers Study. This was an assessment of service delivery by DOC to crime victim advocacy agencies.
- Prevalence of Chemical Dependency in Felons with Jail Sentences. A look at jail inmates (non-prison) and their likelihood of having C/D issues and a comparison to prison inmates.
- Incident Report 2002. An analysis of the 2,913 incidents that occurred in our prison system in 2002. A follow-up 2003 report is due out soon.
- Victim Witness Notification Program. A review of our VWN Program and the customers they serve.
- Class I Impacts on Post-Prison Employment and Recidivism. A look at how offender jobs in prison affects their likelihood of employment upon release and risk of returning to prison.
- Five More Years in Corrections. A paper outlining the years 1997 through 2002 with many interesting factoids about our offender population.
- A Review of Fugitive Units. This paper provides an in-depth look at the origin of fugitive units, information about offenders who abscond, and the successes fugitive units have had in reducing the number of offenders on escape status.
- Reasons for the Special Sex Offender Sentencing Alternative (SSOSA) Revocations. A survey of criminal justice professionals and an analysis of the history of SSOSA sentences, revocations, and its viability as a sentencing option.

Briefing Papers are another source of information available to you. Some of these from our website are:

- Recidivism Papers #17 through #21. These five papers provide a look at offender recidivism from several different perspectives.
- Older Offenders. This paper focuses on offenders who are 50 or older in the DOC prison system and provides a wealth of statistical data.

- Homeless Offenders. As the title infers, this publication



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION..

### PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH

Review the newest BRSP publication titled “Crime Victim Service Providers Survey” produced by Keri-Anne Jetzer. Posted on our website.

### WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

Visit the BRSP website at <http://www.doc.wa.gov/BudgetAndResearch/research.htm>.

### DEFINITION OF THE MONTH

Statistic: A number computed from data on one or more variables.

### DOC MONTHLY STATISTICS AS OF APRIL 30, 2005

<b>CONFINEMENT POPULATION</b> .....	<b>17,762</b>
Total Confinement .....	16,010
Work Release .....	702
In State Rented Beds .....	520
Out of State Rented Beds .....	530
<b>COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS POPULATION</b>	
ACTIVE SUPERVISION .....	28,187
RMA .....	7,740
RMB .....	6,758
RMC .....	2,218
RMD .....	10,053
Unclassified .....	1,418
MONETARY .....	98
INACTIVE STATUS .....	15,790

### ESCAPES FROM SECURITY LEVELS 2-5, FOR FY05

	Date	Type	Return
Coyote Ridge CC	07/14/04	Facility	07/15/04
Olympic CC	08/13/04	Facility	-----
WCCW	11/04/04	Work Crew	11/04/04
Larch CC	12/20/04	Work Crew	01/30/05
Tacoma PR	01/19/05	Facility	02/22/05
Larch CC	04/07/05	Work Crew	04/07/05

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addresses our homeless offenders. We look at risk levels, classification status, offenders by region, as well as some review of their numbers as a function of all supervised offenders.

BRSP has some Current Projects in the works:

- Violations Study. Analysis focuses on changes within the violation process, changes due to the use of confinement-alternative sanctions and what effect, if any, these changes have on offender behavior.
- Correctional Education and its Impact on Post Prison Employment and Recidivism. The purpose of this study is to determine how participation in correctional education impacts post-prison outcomes for offenders who released from a Washington State Department of Corrections facility.

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## RECENTLY PUBLISHED POLICY DIRECTIVES

Following is a list of recently published Policy Directives and a brief explanation of why each one was developed/updated. Refer to the DOC Intranet, Policy Section or a Policy Directive Manual to review these documents.

### **DOC 110.500 Succession and Appointing Authority Status**

DOC 110.500 Succession and Appointing Authority Status effective 9/27/04 has been updated to reflect current Department expectation.

### **DOC 200.380 Legal Financial Obligations and Cost of Supervision**

DOC 200.380 Legal Financial Obligations and Cost of Supervision effective 7/8/99 has been updated to reflect no longer forwarding LFO or COS bankruptcy documents to the Assistant Attorney General's Office.

### **DOC 280.300 Information Technology (IT) Disaster Recovery Plan**

DOC 280.300 Information Technology (IT) Disaster Recovery effective 4/15/95 has been updated into current Policy Directive format with changes to meet current Department expectations.

### **DOC 350.520 Dangerous Mentally Ill Offender Review**

This is a new Policy Directive to provide guidance regarding identification, review, and management of offenders who have a major mental disorder and are reasonably believed to be dangerous to themselves or others.

### **DOC 400.360 Polygraph Testing of Offenders**

DOC 400.360 Polygraph Testing of Offenders effective 3/9/01 has been updated with numerous changes throughout.

### **DOC 420.360 Searches by Canines**

DOC 420.360 Searches by Canines effective 8/16/01 has been updated to reflect current Department expectations.

### **DOC 500.000 Education and Vocational Programs for Offenders**

DOC 500.000 Education Services for Offenders effective 2/12/01 has been updated with numerous changes throughout. Please note the title change.

### **DOC 610.600 Inpatient/Infirmary Care**

DOC 610.600 Inpatient/Infirmary Care effective 6/16/00 has been updated with minor changes throughout.

### **DOC 670.030 Offender Tuberculosis Program**

DOC 670.030 Offender Tuberculosis Program effective 11/12/03 has been updated to remove the requirement for retesting offenders for TB 90 days after initial screening.

### **DOC 710.400 Correctional Industries Class II Employment**

DOC 710.400 Class II Offender Worker Positions and Compensation effective 5/26/00, DOC 550.010 Institutional Industries Operations Within Institutions effective 1/3/86, DOC 550.025 Offender Hire/Worker Management System effective 1/3/86, DOC 550.030 Job Descriptions effective 1/3/86, and DOC 700.400 Offender Worker Compensation effective 7/1/91 have been updated under one title to reflect current expectations for Class II industries. Please note change of title.

### **DOC 880.170 Course Announcements, Registration, and Documentation**

This is a new Policy Directive to coordinate training activities.

### **DOC 880.180 Instructor Recruitment, Development, and Certification**

This is a new Policy Directive to provide guidelines and procedures for Department instructors. Division of Community Corrections Management Guide MG 100.700 Part-Time Trainer/CCO Positions has been superseded into this Policy Directive.

### **DOC 890.610 Employee Tuberculosis Program**

DOC 890.610 Employee Tuberculosis Program effective 12/31/96 has been updated, re-published, and re-posted.



### **WHAT POLICY INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTRANET?**

All current DOC Policy Directives are available on the DOC Intranet, Policy Section.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the DOC Intranet Policy Section please contact the Policy Office. You can email Marjorie Owens at [mowens@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:mowens@doc1.wa.gov), Sybil Marsh at [scmarsh@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:scmarsh@doc1.wa.gov), or Sarah Vansot at [svansot@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:svansot@doc1.wa.gov).



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- Impact of Family & Social Ties on Offenders. The objective will be to determine if the family plays a role in future criminal activity of the offender.

A wealth of offender information can be viewed on the Inmate and Community Corrections Statistics link.

There are two versions of the Offender Characteristics Report: Prison Facilities and Field Supervision in the Community. Both reports provide a multitude of statistical tables depicting offender demographics. If you want to know something such as the percent of a facility's population convicted of a specific crime category, you'll have no trouble locating it in the Offender Characteristics Report.

The Statewide Offender Summary is an online version of the ever popular pocket size statistics cards that BRSP produces monthly. Printing a copy of this two-page fact sheet will be helpful if you want basic information about our prison system—number of offenders, percent by offense type, facility information, offender demographics, etc.

The Regional Population Summary has the same format as the Statewide Summary, but is specific to each of the five regions. Again, this will provide you with a quick reference guide on these data elements.

So there you have it, a short summary of some of the reports, papers, statistical compilations, and upcoming projects available for review on the BRSP website. The Budget elements presented have not been highlighted here, but will be elaborated on in a future Forum article that focuses on the many aspects of the Budget side of BRSP.